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Application of: Polyakov, I. et al) Art Unit: 1645
Serial No.: 10/085,703) Examiner: Minnifield, N.
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Title: DERMATOMYCOSIS VACCINE

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Please consider the remarks below before commencing examination of the above captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including November 30, 2002, accompanied by the necessary fee.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending and are under active consideration in this application.

Section 112 Rejection

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph for lack of enablement. The Examiner alleges that it is not clear what Applicants used in the vaccine preparation.

Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants have provided sufficient guidance in the specification which, when combined with the routine methods commonly known in the art, render routine the preparation and use of the claimed vaccines comprising inactivated dermatophytes consisting of: *Trichophyton verrucosum* Strain No. VKPGF-931/410 (accession No. DSM 7277), *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* Strain No. VKPGF-930/1032 (accession No. DSM 7279), *Trichophyton sarkisovii* Strain No. VKPGF-551-68 (accession No. DSM 7278), *Trichophyton evanum* Strain No. VKPGF-929/381 (accession No. DSM 7276).